

DSLnet Communications, LLC
Petition for emergency relief to protect
Petitioner's Annual Report from disclosure
for not less than five years in order to protect
highly proprietary information

CHIEF CLERK'S OFFICE
Docket No. 08-0128

PETITION

NOW COMES, DSLnet Communications, LLC ("DSLnet" or "Petitioner") and hereby petitions the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") for emergency relief to protect Petitioner's Annual Report from disclosure for not less than five years in order to protect highly proprietary information included therein. In support of this Petition, Petitioner states as follows:

1. Petitioner is certificated by the Commission to provide competitive telecommunications services in the state of Illinois.
2. Petitioner is required to file an Annual Report pursuant to Section 5-109 of The Public Utilities Act (220 ILCS 5/5-109).
3. The Annual Report of the Petitioner contains highly proprietary and confidential commercial and financial information, the disclosure of which to competitors, or potential competitors, would be detrimental to Petitioner.
4. The telecommunications industry is highly competitive, and it is imperative that public disclosure of confidential information contained in the Annual Report of Petitioner be avoided for a period of at least five (5) years following the issuance of an Order by the Commission because of the competitive harm which disclosure of such information would likely cause Petitioner.
5. Section 7 of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/7(g), exempts from public disclosure "trade secrets and commercial or financial information.... where the trade secrets or information are proprietary, privileged or confidential, or where disclosure of such trade secrets or information may cause competitive harm." The Annual Report of Petitioner, which is the subject matter of this Petition, falls within this exemption.
6. Petitioner seeks an Order from this Commission, without hearing, protecting from disclosure in its entirety Petitioner's Annual Report for a period of not less than five (5) years.

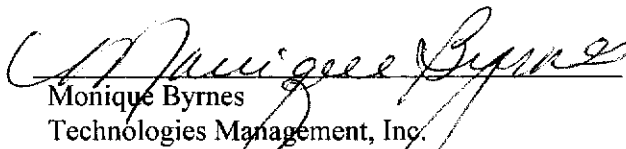
WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Commission enter an Order, without hearing, protecting from disclosure in its entirety the 2007 Annual Report of the Petitioner for a period of not less than five (5) years.

DATED this 21st day of February, 2008.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of,

DSLnet Communications, LLC

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT §
COUNTY OF NEW HAVEN §

VERIFICATION

Schula Hobbs, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and states that she is Director – Regulatory Affairs for DSLnet Communications, LLC, that she has read the above and foregoing Petition and knows the contents thereof, and that the same are true to the best of her knowledge, information and belief.

Schula Hobbs
Schula Hobbs
Director – Regulatory Affairs
DSLnet Communications, LLC

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of February, 2008.

Brian T. Lewis
BRIAN T. LEWIS
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JULY 31, 2008